

Manatee Bay Elementary School Advisory Forum

Minutes

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Meeting: October 3, 2018 at Media Center of MBE

Meeting called by: Mr. Schweizer
Type of Meeting: SAF meeting
Co-Chair: N/A
Note Taker: Susana Boza
Attendees: see sign-in log

1) Welcome

Mr. Schweizer called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Meeting began at 6:31pm

2) Elections

Mr. Schweizer explains that the role of the secretary is to take notes and write the minutes of the SAF meetings. The role of vice-chair also includes the role of the 'safety officer' of SAF for MBE

The following individuals were voted-in to their officer positions of SAF for MBE:

Christian Schweizer, chair - all were in favor

Susie Boza, vice-chair & safety officer - all were in favor

The bylaws were approved - all were in favor

The position as SAF secretary remains vacant

3) Nominate members for school boundaries committee

The following parents were nominated to be on the boundaries committee representing MBE:

Susie Boza and Jazline Llanes - all were in favor

4) Calendar

There are two calendar options for the 2019/2020 school year (see attached)

After some discussion SAF voted as following:

Option 1: 7 votes

Option 2: 3 votes

With that, MBE will officially recommend to the school board that we wish to have option 1

5) Dates

For the school year of 2018/2019 the following dates were approved with all in favor:

Meetings should be in the evening, except the SAF meetings that are combined with SAC

- Nov 13 2018 2:15pm (jointly with SAC)

- Jan 2019 Parent university, 6:30pm (exact date TBD)

- March 12 2019, 2:15pm (jointly with SAC)

- April 3 2019, 6:30pm

6) Parent University January 2019

We discussed and determined that the theme for the Jan 2019 Parent University shall be "Cyber Security", this will be a parent only event.

Officer Marc is trying to find speakers. BSO has the safer watch app (see something, send something) that may need to be introduced at the event

The following individuals volunteer to be on the organizing committee:

- Heather DeVaughn
- Michael Lopez
- Christian Schweizer
- Cinthia Vargas (Indian Trace Elementary)
- member from PTA is TBD

6b) Principal Updates

Mrs. DeVaughn give us some updates about the school:

- The school will get bullet proof glass very soon (starting Oct 5th 2018), starting with two class room doors and the front door, which is all glass. Each door cost approx \$250. There are discussion going on to do a fundraiser, maybe together with the PTA
- Sandy Hook Project --> start with HELLO began last week. This is under the umbrella of emotional safety. It is to help indentify if a child may be sad, has some issues or may be otherwise emotionally not at 100%.
- Gate Safety. Some have observed that a parent just walked into the school even a person asked to stop. The parent has been identified and Officer Mark will speak with that person.
- Street crossing: Some parents noted there could be a safety issue with kids crossing the streets or sometimes running across the street to get to their parents car. Mrs. DeVaughn will address this issue.

7+8) Updates from the CENTRAL AREA ADVISORY General Meeting from Aug 30 and Sept 13, 2018

Steve Barrow, CAAC chair, and our special guest of today, informs us about the CAAC meeting:

- Security remains a big issue, in all the schools
- The biggest issues however are outside of the schools
- Steve will bring this to the school board that they need to put more weight into this issue, maybe have special person appointed on the school board that is only in charge of security + safety
- Parents have the strongest voice, not only in this subject, in general let's make sure parents are involved it make the biggest difference.

We also discussed, that it is not only about meeting the district's security requirements, parents need to be better educated in general about security, what works and what does not work. Need some trust in the experts of security.

9) New Business/Old Business

Mr. Schweizer explains that everybody can put items on the agenda for this meeting. If a person wants to discuss a topic at SAF just send a message to the SAF chair or vice-chair.

10) Adjournment

Mr. Schweizer makes the motion for this meeting to be adjourned, Mrs. DeVaughn seconds.
The meeting ends at 7:57pm